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Dear Council President Glass and Council Members,

I am writing today regarding the addition of funding for human trafficking prevention to the upcoming Montgomery County budget. I have served on the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Prevention Committee as well as the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force for the last several years and can confidently say that both labor and sex human trafficking is present in our community. As a practitioner serving this population, I can also attest that human trafficking is an under recognized problem and under resourced need in our community.

As we look to the future, it is imperative that Montgomery County allocate funding that will support the addition of a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator. This will require more funding than has been proposed but has been a proven success strategy for human trafficking prevention, response, and mitigation in the surrounding communities of Howard and Prince George's Counties.

I encourage the Council to vote in favor of funding that will support efforts to identify and serve trafficked persons in our community.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'J. Volz'. The signature is written over the printed name and title of the sender.

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